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LETTER DATED 27 MARCH 1999 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to forward, enclosed herewith, a copy of the letter dated 25 March 1999 from Zivadin Jovanovic, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway and the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (see annex).

I would be very grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIC
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Annex

Letter dated 25 March 1999 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway and the Chairman-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

On 24 March 1999, the countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), directed by the United States of America, started a flagrant aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a sovereign, independent European State, and a founding member of the United Nations and member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). This criminal, unprecedented act of aggression, in clear support of separatism and terrorism, has already caused massive human losses and enormous destruction of civilian infrastructure all over Yugoslavia, thus provoking enormous humanitarian suffering.

Having regard that the continuing NATO aggression against Yugoslavia represents the most blatant violation of the Charter of the United Nations, the Helsinki Final Act, I call on you to convene a special session of the OSCE Permanent Council without delay.

I expect that the Permanent Council will consider thoroughly the consequences of this vandal aggression and, in accordance with its responsibilities, will undertake adequate measures to condemn and stop it as a great danger for peace and stability in Europe.

Now it has become clear that your unprovoked unilateral decision to completely withdraw the OSCE Kosovo Verification Mission as of 19 March 1999 has been part of the preconceived scenario of orchestrated preparations for the NATO aggression against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. I consider, therefore, that you have thus unilaterally broken the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia-OSCE Agreement.

I stand ready to personally attend the meeting of the Permanent Council.

May I ask you to circulate the present letter to all the members of OSCE.

(Signed) Živadin JOVANOVIĆ